

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
October 6, 2021 Minutes

Notice of Harrington Park Environmental Commission meeting location change March 3, 2021. Pursuant to Governor Murphy's Executive Orders #107 and 108 ordering Statewide lockdowns, and P.L. 2020, c. 34 permitting public bodies to conduct meetings via electronic means during declared states of emergency, the meeting of the Borough of Harrington Park Environmental Commission meeting scheduled October 6 **at 7:30 p.m.** will be conducted remotely from the electronic meeting platform Zoom.us. Members of the public can join the meeting and participate during public comment period by joining the meeting using the Zoom mobile application on a smartphone or tablet, joining the meeting by laptop with microphone capabilities, or dialing in using a telephone to the Zoom teleconference system. Information on how to join the meeting electronically appears below. Members of the public may submit written comments in advance of a meeting, which will be read during the relevant public portion of the meeting. Written comments shall contain the person's name and address and may be submitted via email to the Borough Clerk (clerk@harringtonparknj.gov) or by mail addressed to: Clerk, Borough Hall, 85 Harriot Ave., Harrington Park, NJ. Emailed comments must be received at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Mailed comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. the day before the meeting. If any meeting includes a public hearing, all material that will be considered by the Borough Council at the public hearing shall be posted on or linked to the homepage of the Borough's website in a conspicuous location or as otherwise required by law. Written comments, as set forth above, will be accepted for such public hearings. If sworn testimony is to be taken during the public hearing, it shall be broadcast by both video and audio. Written public comments will not be considered where sworn testimony is required. Topic: Environmental Commission of Harrington Park meeting. Date and Time: October 6, 2021, 7:30 p.m. EST. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6936944746> Meeting ID: 693 694 4746 One tap mobile +16465588656,,6936944746# US (New York) +13017158592,,6936944746# US (Washington DC) Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose) +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) Meeting ID: 693 694 4746 Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6936944746>

Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 7#5 pm with the following public announcement: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings are posted at Borough Hall, was mailed to the Record and is filed with the Borough Clerk. Further, the amendment to the format of the meeting was adequately advertised.

Roll Call

Peter Ardito (PA) - present	Sung Yoo (SY) – present at 7:41 pm
Theresa Hazelton (TH) - present	Mary Ann Schran (MAS) – absent
Meredith Budinich (MB) - present	Anne Lander (AL) - present
Councilman Brockman (JB) - present	Councilwoman Chung (JC) – absent

Acceptance of Minutes from September 1 meeting Anne moved to adopt, second Theresa. All in favor. Carried.

OLD

The Beechwood loop is now completed and beautiful. The fallen tree has been cut up and the chips used for old paths. Peter is putting together a commendation for all of the Boy Scouts who have been involved in this process. He asked the DPW Supervisor to bring chips. Perhaps we can do a spreading event. Rosebud trees have been planted at

the entrance to Pondside. SWAN intends to pay for them. The DPW is maintaining the water bags. A maple tree has been planted at St. Andrews Church parking lot by the DPW. Cindy Kennedy donated \$150 toward it.

Some Pooch Paper units ran out and have been refilled by the DPW. We will be ordering more.

-Town Day brought in \$670. The cookies were a big hit! 50 lemonades were sold.
-The Farmers Market last Sunday brought in \$220. We will participate in the 10/24 (Meredith, Theresa, Peter) and 10/31 (Theresa, Mary Ann, Peter) markets.

There was a solar panel meeting at the HP School today. The school spends about \$150,000 per year in related utilities and the investment would be about \$300,000. The savings per year would be about \$15,000 according to the representative. They can apply for grants, but as it is a small project big companies probably won't be very interested. Only about 60% of the roof is available. Dr. Fried will speak with green bankers.

Peter met with Chris Reddy at Suez about Closter Road. A grant no longer seems the way to go. Chris Reddy is going to ascertain whether Orange and Rockland had permission to cut as much as they did on Suez property. Suez will give \$5,000 toward restoration is O&R will not come forward.

Old Tappan walkway: Peter has not had success reaching Bill Howe. Meredith will reach out to him.

NEW

Community Garden proposal: Jeff spoke about Blue Zones. Jodi Sardanis (town resident and owner of Roots Café) spoke about her interest in a community garden. She stated that Analisa Pastore would also be interested. Different locations and proposals were discussed. Jeff suggested a spot near St. Andrew's Church on Lynn Street. Anne moved to explore the idea of a community garden in Harrington Park, second Meredith. On a roll call vote all were in favor. Jeff suggested monthly garden meetings.

Two new trees have been planted at the Library.

Peter suggested that Anne develop a planting plan for the pergola at the Borough Hall. Peter also asked Jeff to ask the Mayor and Council to include the Environmental Commission in the planning stage for such projects.

Peter will be attending the next Old Tappan Planning Board meeting. 244 Old Tappan Road may be developed. Some people are trying to preserve it with Green Acres funding.

Theresa moved to adjourn, second Anne. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm; next meeting is scheduled November 3, 2021